RESOLUTION NO. 3736

CITY OF NEWPORT

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR A WATERSMART WATER GRANT FOR THE CITY'S AUTOMATIC WATER METER READING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation provides funding opportunities for water and energy efficiency projects as part of the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newport deems it beneficial to apply to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation for grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for funding to help defray the cost of replacing existing water meters with more accurate and efficient automated meter reading equipment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Program, which governs the procedures of making such application, the governing body of the city is required to adopt a resolution to accompany such application.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation under the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program is hereby requested to grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to the City of Newport to help defray the cost of replacing existing water meters with more accurate and efficient automated meter reading equipment as described in the application for financial assistance.

<u>Section 2</u>. The City Manager of the City of Newport is hereby authorized to execute and submit to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program a grant application for such financial assistance.

<u>Section 3</u>. The City Manager is further specifically authorized to make the required assurances to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies of the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program.

<u>Section 4</u>. The additional funding in support of the project, in the amount of up to \$500,000 (50% match) will be provided through sources of capital funding available to the city, such as water rates, state revolving loan funds and revenue bonds.

<u>Section 5</u>. If the application is selected for an award, the city will work with the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant funding agreement.

<u>Section 6</u>. A certified copy of this resolution shall be attached to the grant application herein authorized to be prepared and submitted to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program.

Section 7. This resolution will become effective on adoption.

Adopted by 7-0 vote of the Newport City Council on January 4, 2016.

Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder